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THE OBSERVATOR.

A Letter from a Quaker in Ireland *to one in* London *about Dr.* Sacheverell. *Whigs and Papiſts don't agree in the Point of Reſiſtance, but Tories and Papiſts do. A Teſt to try if the High Church be Sincere for the* Hannover *Succeſſion.*

From Saturday, July 8, to Wedneſday, July 12. 1710.

Countrym. HEre's the Copy of a Letter from a Quaker in *Ireland* to one of the ſame Profeſſion in *London*, ſent to you to be communicated to the Publick, that People may ſee how much the Proceedings of a Certain Party here encourages the Papiſts in *Ireland* to Copy after them, in inſulting the Government.

Obſ. Pray let's have it, *Roger.*

Countrym. 'Tis thus, Maſter.

Athlone, the 26th of the 4th Month.

Friend *Jonathan*,

I Hope theſe Lines will find thee truly compos'd in Mind, without Vexation of Spirit, which, alas, now begins to fall *upon many Friends here, who have had the Enjoyment of the True Light theſe Twenty Years paſt, as often as Friends could meet, ſince we were delivered by the* Great William: *Now, Friend, the* Iriſh *Papiſts, thoſe Brats of* Babylon, *begin again to flout at Friends, who were forc'd to act prudently when we were in their Power, when every Cow-boy (if thee didſt but ſee them) took up Arms as if they durſt fight, but ran like Sheep, and ſeem'd ſcar'd with their own Shadow.*

I can tell thee there will be no Meetings if thoſe wicked Beaſts get the Upper Hand, Friends in England *have done well to be of the Side that is moſt Kind and Friendly to us, and hope they'll ſtill Perſevere; for thoſe that join'd the* Great William *in overthrowing the Idol of* Rome, *were ſurely the beſt Men to Friends; but it afflicts me to tell thee, that we muſt, I fear,* be active *againſt the Enemies of Truth, who now begin again to ſwarm about like Locuſts, or the Devil's Meſſenger, ſeeking whom they may devour: We have great Hopes and Power in the North, and many Friends at* Lurgan, *who can overthrow the Spawn of thoſe who murdered and drowned many Friends, and others, at a Place call'd* Portadown, *in the* Cruel Murder of 1641.

We are full of Sorrow to hear there is a Saucy, Fiery, Prieſt *in* England, *that encourages the Rabble to follow him, who 'tis fear'd is* a Hireling, *to bring in one that can be nothing but a* Tool *to the* Cruel *French* Tyrant; *and nothing to add, but we have rare Bacon at 2 d. the Pound; I wiſh I could ſend thee a Flitch; my Black Mare has a Fine Young Creature, a Horſe one, which thou may'ſt have if thou pleaſeſt; I wiſh thee, and all Friends, well, and hope Friends here will not be forgot, in this Dark, Cloudy, Time among us.*

I am thy Loving Friend,
Jeremiah Smith.

Obſ. He writes like an Honeſt Man, *Roger*; the Letter may put thoſe to the Bluſh who value themſelves upon their Senſe, their Zeal for the Proteſtant Religion, and their Loyalty to the Government, and yet fall in with the *Iriſh* Papiſts, who are ſworn Enemies to all Three; at the ſame Time it may ſerve to convince the World which of the contending Parties in *Great Britain* 'tis that join Iſſues with the Jacobites and Papiſts at home and abroad, tho' ſome have the Aſſurance in their Addreſſes to charge the Whigs, as agreeing in Principles with the Papiſts, upon the Article of Reſiſting Tyrants.

Countrym. That's ſo Shameleſs a Slander, Maſter, as the very meaneſt of my Country Neighbours ridicule it, and wonder how any Men, or Party of Men, can have the Confidence to affirm it. Can any Man, who is not beyond the Cure of Hellebore, ſay, that the Papiſts agreed with the Whigs in reſiſting the late King *James*? Did not the Papiſts arm for him both in *Britain* and *Ireland* before and after the Revolution, while the Whigs armed againſt him? Did not our High Church Men join with Papiſts in the Aſſaſſination and Invaſion Plots? Was there not Arms found in Sir *Wm Perkins*'s Houſe, when he, Sir *John Fenwick*, Sir *John Freind*, and others, were to have rais'd Men here to have join'd the *French* upon King *William*'s being Murdered? Did not ſeveral of the Aſſaſſins and Plotters confeſs it at the Gallows, and alledge the ſame Doctrine of Paſſive-obedience and Non-reſiſtance, preached up every Day by the Tory Addreſſers, in Defence of their Practice; and did not Papiſts and Nonjurors together raiſe a Rebellion in Defence of Paſſive-obedience and Non-reſiſtance, when Dr. *Sacheverell* was upon his Trial?

Obſ. That's all very true, *Roger*; there can be nothing more diſingenuous than the Reflection caſt upon the Whigs in the Tory Addreſſers, as if they agreed with the Papiſts in the Point of Reſiſtance, ſince they differ both in the Doctrine and the Application of it, For the Papiſts Doctrine is, that it is Lawful to reſiſt, dethrone and murder, Proteſtant Princes, meerly becauſe they are Proteſtants; but where Princes are the Champions of their Church, they preach Unconditional Obedience and Loyalty to 'em, without Limitation or Reſtriction, juſt as our Tory Addreſſers do; but when they apprehend their Church to be in Danger, even by Princes of their own Communion, then they Rebel againſt and Murder thoſe Princes. Witneſs the Two laſt *Henry*'s of *France*, againſt whom the *French* High-Church or Catholick Leaguers not only Rebell'd, but got them Murthered; and ſince every one knows, that ſome of our High Church joined with the Papiſts in their Aſſaſſinations and Invaſions againſt King *William* and Queen *Mary* of Glorious Memory, and in their Rebellion againſt Her Preſent Majeſty: Let the World judge whether the High Church or the Whigs come neareſt the Papiſts in Principles and Practice. The Whigs, 'tis true, allow of Reſiſtance againſt Tyrants, and the Depoſing of Popiſh Princes; nor can they be blamed for it, ſince they

they are allowed to do so by the Act that absolves us from our Allegiance to any Popish King or Queen.

Countrym. Ay, but the Addressers say, Master, that it was the Principle of Resistance which brought the Best of Princes, King *Charles* I. to the Block, and therefore it ought to be abhorr'd.

Obs. 'Twas not the Whig, but the Popish Principle of Resistance, which brought that Unhappy Prince to the Block, *Roger*; this was so plainly made out by Mr. *Pryn*, a Leading Whig, when he argued against the Trial and Murder of King *Charles* I. and is testify'd by so many other Writers of that Time, and particularly by the Discovery which *Andreas ab Habernsfield*, a Retainer to the Queen of *Bohemia*, who was Sister to King *Charles*, made of it, that nothing but Malice can deny the Regicides to have been influenc'd Under-hand by Papists to commit that Execrable Murther, while the Whiggish Parliament, who resisted that Prince for invading our Constitution, did all that lay in their Power to restore him to the Throne upon his Promise to redress their Grievances; and as it was the Popish Principle of Resistance which murder'd that Prince; it was the High-Church Principle of Passive-obedience, and Loyalty without Reserve, Restriction and Limitation, that put him upon those Measures which occasion'd the War betwixt him and his Parliament; witness the Sermons of *Sibthorp* and *Manwairing*, &c. the *Sacheverell*'s of those Times; and it was the same Principles and the Sollicitations of the High-Church, which kept him from accommodating Matters with his Parliament, till it was too late, as appears by Colonel *Joseph Bampfield*'s Apology, mention'd in the Preface to the last Volume of *Rushworth*'s Collections: 'Tis also very well known, that it was the same High-Church Principles which put the late King *James* upon all those *Infractions* of our Constitution, mention'd *in the* Declaration of Rights, which occasion'd his Dethronement.

Countrym. One would think, Master, these Instances should silence our Tory Addressers upon that Subject for ever, and let the Nation see what Dangerous Persons Men of those Principles are to all Princes who are sweyed by their Counsels, as well as to all People, over whom they are intrusted with the Administration.

Obs. Your Observation is Good and Just, *Roger*; they have ever ruined all the Princes who trusted them; but were there nothing of this Kind to be charged upon their Principles, the Whigs have as good Reason to abhor the Tories Doctrine of unlimitted Passive-obedience and Non-resistance, because it engaged Assassins in a Design to murther King *William* and Queen *Mary*, and to join with the *French* and *British* Papists to make our Country a Field of Blood, as was confessed by the Plotters at the Gallows, as the Tories have to abhor the Doctrine of Resistance; had it been true that the Principle of Resistance, as the Whigs understand it, brought King *Charles* to the Block; or had our Tory Addressers any true Respect to Her Majesty's Person, Title, and Government, or to the *Hannover* Succession, they would give fairer Quarter to the Doctrine of Resistance, because it was practic'd by Her Majesty, brought Her to the Throne, and secured the Protestant Succession; so that to this Principle we are indebted for all the Glories of Her Majesty's Reign, and for all the Benefits which we, or our Posterity, have Reason to expect from that of the House of *Hannover*, when God sees it fit to bring them to the Throne.

Countrym. I confess, Master, I cann't reconcile the Top and the Tail of our Tory Addresses; for to declaim against Resistance, and to preach up Passive-obedience and Hereditary Right in the beginning, and to declare for the *Hannover* Succession in the latter end, is so flat a Contradiction, that nothing but a Throat, capable to swallow Transubstantiation, can let it down. Were our Leading Addressers sincere, one would think their Addresses should have been suited to the Proposal of a Noble Lord, made some Years ago, for calling over Her Royal Highness the Electoress Dowager, or for putting her Son, the Elector, or her Grandson, the Electoral Prince, in some such Post under Her Majesty, as may secure the Protestant Succession, and be a Safeguard to Her Majesty against Assassinations and Invasions, for, humanly speaking; Master, I cann't see what other Expedient can secure our Religion and Liberties, and Her Majesty's invaluable Life and quiet Possession; for this would at once cut off the Hopes of the St. *Germains* Family, and damp their Open and Secret Friends, since that House is so powerful of of itself, and so well beloved by all True Protestants in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, that under Her Majesty's Conduct, to whom they are united in Blood and Interest, we could not have Reason to fear any Thing: If those Men be sincere for the *Hannover* Family let them put the Matter upon this Issue, leave out their Invectives against the Revolution, and try whether the Whigs, whom they do now so maliciously slander as Enemies to that Illustrious Family, will not join with them in it; but this is with Submission to Her Majesty and Her Ministry, for I don't pretend to dictate to my Superiors, but only to put the Sincerity of our Tory Addressers to the Test, which I think there's very good Reason for, considering that one of the *Windsor* Addresses very honestly declares for Her Majesty's Just and Undoubted Title, against Jacobite Principles, and against the Pretender's Open and Secret Abettors, whereas the other has not a Word of those Things.

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